

TIMELY BITS OF SPORT

**Racing or No Racing This Year
Up for Decision.**

STEWARDS MAY ACT TO-DAY

**Johany Evers Willing to Part
with Some of His Salary
to Sign Overall.**

Thoroughbred racing or, better, its revival in the near future will hang in the balance this afternoon at a meeting of the stewards of the Jockey Club, the controlling body in the East. Every effort has been made to insure a full attendance, which accounts for the fact that the date was announced only yesterday.

August Belmont, chairman of the Jockey Club, said he did not care to discuss the question and would not presume to forecast what action might be taken. It is felt, however, that some action looking to the opening of the gates at some of the tracks will be taken if legal advice is not unfavorable. In all probability short meetings will be held this year at Belmont Park and Saratoga Springs.

The chief question for discussion lies in the advisability of waiting until the recent decision of the Appellate Division upholding Justice Sutherland on the question of dual betting is passed upon by the Court of Appeals. It may be six months or longer before the case is heard. If it is carried to the higher court, and for that reason the stewards are likely to stand on the latest decision, which seems to require the owners and directors of the track to act on the question of organized bookmaking, which is against the law.

Johany Evers is so anxious to have overall racing back with the Cubs that he declares himself willing to pay the difference between the money the big pitcher wants and what Murphy offers out of his own salary, if necessary. He is optimistic, too, being quoted as saying:

"Chance told me in Chicago that Overall was as good as, if not better than, when he was with the Cubs. He said Overall has mastered the spitball, and I have faith in Chance's word. Orvie wants to come back, and with him on the staff I carry my team to get a lead on us. With a staff of good twirlers, which I believe I have, I will show the greatest ball club that ever played in the National League."

Oh, what a difference a few months make!

Overall, by the way, who was reinstated by the National Commission a few days ago, has said he will not play with the Cubs and again will retire from baseball if not traded or sold to some other team. Of course, he may change his mind if the "price" is right.

Fred Merkle, first baseman of the Giants, is some bowler. He helped put the College Inn, the five-man team on which he rolls, at the top of the heap in the A. B. C. tournament at Toledo on Monday evening with a score of 2,560. Merkle did not settle down in the first game, but rolled 121 in the second and third games.

Rosslyn M. Cox, Mayor of Middletown, N. Y., who was recently elected president of the new New York and New Jersey Baseball League, has asked Charles H. Ebbets, president of the Brooklyn club, for an audience. Mr. Cox will call on Mr. Ebbets within a few days in an effort to secure the consent of the directors of the Brooklyn club to permit the new Class A league to place a team in Long Island City.

William Hanrehan, a young college pitcher of Troy, has signed with the Superbas and will sail for the training camp on Saturday for the trial which may earn him a place on the team.

Stanley Bates, a young pitcher of Quincy, Mass., formerly a member of the high school team of that town, has received instructions from John McGraw to report for a trial with the Giants at the Polo Grounds on April 10.

The call of the game has proved too strong for "Old John" Powell and he has reconsidered his determination not to play in the minors. When notified of his release by the Browns to Louisville several weeks ago, the veteran twirler firmly declared that he would retire from the game rather than report to the Colonels. The sight of the ball teams departing for the training camps led Powell to sign a contract.

Nick Cullip, the high priced young twirler of the Cleveland Naps, has caught the ways of the big leaguers. Although out of the "bushes" scarcely more than six months, Cullip returned his contract to the Cleveland management with the declaration that he would rather pitch hay on his mother's farm than pitch baseball for the Naps at the salary offered.

Bill Perrine, the American League umpire, who has been ill this winter, is getting well and believes that he will be able to don the mask and wind up by the time the season begins.

Larry Lajole, the slugging second baseman of Cleveland, is a staunch supporter of equal rights, despite the fact that his "better half" has never demanded the ballot.

The National Baseball Commission reversed a decision of the national board yesterday, and allowed a salary claim of \$100 to F. G. Spencer, of the QuinCY club of the Three I League. The commission also reversed the board and declared Percy L. Merritt, of the Victoria Club of the Northwestern League, a free agent, unless the club settles his salary claims of \$125.

Duffy Lewis, left fielder of the Boston Red Sox, and one of the best in baseball, advised Jim McAlister by wire yesterday that his contract is not satisfactory and that he will not report at Hot Springs, Ark., for spring training.

Lewis is said to have returned three contracts offered for his signature, believing that Jake Stahl does not appreciate his value to the team or the part he played in helping the Red Sox win the American League pennant and later the world's championship last year.

Lewis is now coaching the baseball team of Leland Stanford Junior University in California.

The Phillies, or most of them, left Philadelphia yesterday for the training camp at Southern Pines, N. C.

Cy Seymour, once an outfielder with the Giants, signed a contract yesterday to play with the Boston Braves.

Billy Carrigan, catcher of the world's champions, signed his contract yesterday after holding out for a higher salary, which finally was forthcoming. Four of the Red Sox are still without the fold.

GOING AFTER A HIGH ONE.



JOE EVERS.

brother of the crafty Johnny, now manager of the Cubs, pulling down a hard but liner in practice with the Giants at Marlin Springs, Tex.

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LEADERS WIN AT CHESS

**Capablanca and Marshall Still
Tie in Havana Tourney.**

(By Cable to The Tribune.)

Havana, Feb. 25.—Three of the leaders in the Cuban chess tournament, at the Club de Ajedrez de la Habana won their games in the eighth round, the first of the second half of the competition, to-day. It was a repetition, so far as the pairing was concerned, of the first round, with the move reversed in each case.

Capablanca administered a second defeat to Corzo, the Havana champion, the latter playing the Morphy Defence to the Ruy Lopez. The young Cuban master obtained the upper hand in the middle game and scored after thirty-five moves.

Marshall, who had drawn with Jaffe in the first round, defeated that player to-day in twenty-three moves, as Jaffe lost his queen on the twentieth. Marshall played an irregular defence to the Queen's Pawn Opening.

Janowski, playing white in a Queen's Gambit Declined, sacrificed the exchange against Kupchik and won in thirty-six moves. Chajes, of Chicago, was treated to a surprise at the hands of Bianco, of this city, the latter scoring in forty-six moves, after winning the exchange in the middle game. Bianco resorted to the Dutch Defence.

The standing at date follows:

Capablanca	W. L. D.	Bianco	W. L. D.
Marshall	6 2 2	Jaffe	3 3 3
Janowski	4 2 2	Chajes	2 3 3
Kupchik	2 4 4	Corzo	2 4 4

For the ninth round to-morrow the players will be paired as follows: Jaffe vs. Janowski, Marshall vs. Chajes, Bianco vs. Capablanca, Corzo vs. Kupchik.

Following is a further selection of games played in the earlier rounds at Havana:

Capablanca	W. L. D.	Bianco	W. L. D.
Marshall	6 2 2	Jaffe	3 3 3
Janowski	4 2 2	Chajes	2 3 3
Kupchik	2 4 4	Corzo	2 4 4

Capablanca	W. L. D.	Bianco	W. L. D.
Marshall	6 2 2	Jaffe	3 3 3
Janowski	4 2 2	Chajes	2 3 3
Kupchik	2 4 4	Corzo	2 4 4

BOARD NO. 8—FRENCH DEFENCE.

Capablanca	W. L. D.	Bianco	W. L. D.
Marshall	6 2 2	Jaffe	3 3 3
Janowski	4 2 2	Chajes	2 3 3
Kupchik	2 4 4	Corzo	2 4 4

BOARD NO. 9—FRENCH DEFENCE.

Capablanca	W. L. D.	Bianco	W. L. D.
Marshall	6 2 2	Jaffe	3 3 3
Janowski	4 2 2	Chajes	2 3 3
Kupchik	2 4 4	Corzo	2 4 4

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